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### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2, 3, 5 - 14, 16 - 19, 41 and 42 remain in this application. Claim 16 has been amended because claim 4 is now incorporated within it to render it no longer objectionable. Claim 4 has been canceled.

#### **1. Drawings**

The Examiner has indicated in the accompanying form PTO-325 that the formal drawings previously submitted have been approved.

#### **2. Allowed Claims/Subject Matter**

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated the subject matter of claims 4, 8, 10, 11, 14 and 19 are patentable, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims have now been revised to depend from independent claim 16, with claim 4 incorporated within.

Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of records, applicant believes the pending claims of the above-captioned application are in allowable form and patentable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the acknowledgment of the claim for domestic priority.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should applicant be in error, applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

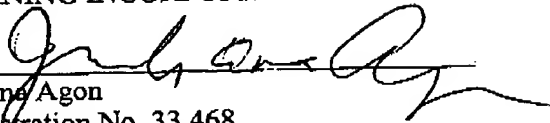
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